

In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs being amended:

[0042] Accordingly, notwithstanding the preferred and fixed geometry of the cooling nuggets joining together the corresponding forward and aft panels 28, the thermal barrier coating 42 may be applied relatively thick upon the panels while ensuring an ~~obstructed~~ unobstructed slot outlet, with the distal end of the lip thereat being spaced from the downstream coating less than about the nominal thickness thereof.

[0050] In the Figure 4 embodiment, the leading edge coating step is preferably spaced aft from the slot outlet 38 by a suitable axial spacing $[[H]] \underline{B}$. In particular, the leading edge step is preferably spaced from the distal end of the lip 34 less than about the nominal thickness A of the thermal barrier coating. For example, the spacing $[[H]] \underline{B}$ may be about 0.8 mm which is slightly less than the 1.1 mm nominal thickness of the coating.